

BROMLEY BOROUGH ROAD SAFETY CONSULTATIVE PANEL

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 15th July 2014 at the Civic Centre

Present:

John Harvey	PE	Chairman & Palace Estate RA
Christine Wearn	CS	Chislehurst Society
Dave Witherspoon	DR	Downe Residents Association
Beryl Grimani-Harrod	HV	Hayes Village Association
John Watkins	LCRA	Little Chislewick Residents Association
Peter Daintree	PA	Park Avenue Residents Association
Derek Levoir	PL	Park Langley RA
Derek Cookson	SU	Sundridge RA
Ron March	SU	Sundridge RA
Laura Squires	LBB	Traffic Engineer
Val Currie	LBB	Road Safety Officer
Jo Loveridge	LBB	LBB Officer
Cath Linney	Met. Police	

1. Apologies:

BH Ken Gerry, **KM** Tony Exeter, **KR** Miriam Harries and **LBB** Chris Cole.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Signed off as a fair record

3. Matters arising from Minutes

BH Logs Hill / Yester Road - LBB are looking into corner protection and extending double yellow lines to the pedestrian barriers. This is a continuing problem at this time of the year as foliage adds to the sight obstruction. Double yellow lines have been implemented.

Feedback from Ward Councillors is still awaited regarding the possible provision of a zebra crossing on Elmstead Lane at the Elmstead Woods Station access point (see minutes of previous meetings).

BH Court Road / Lower Road - has again observed vehicle using cycle lane between bollards, ongoing.

Val

Following the previously reported problem of traffic congestion caused by school coaches at Riverside School, Main Road, this has been further investigated by Rosemary Tullett (Road Safety Officer) who reported that it is not possible for buses to use the car park as there would be insufficient turning space available in this, so it would cause a greater hazard if buses had to reverse onto the road. Pupils are also brought back from school trips into this area to safely unload away from the roadside, so unrestricted access to this controlled space cannot be allowed.

The road layout cannot be changed, however greater driver discipline is keeping the problem under control.

CS Red Hill, Chislehurst - concern was raised that some elderly pedestrians were having difficulty getting across the crossing between Age Concern and the Post Office and outside Sainsbury's because of the timing of the lights. On investigation, it was established that the timings match those stipulated by TfL. It was pointed out that if the crossing is a Pelican it will be upgraded to Puffin and which alters the sequencing for the lights to stay Red for longer. As there have been no accidents at that location, there is little urgency to do anything.

Willow Grove - Traffic Engineer Farzaneh Ziarati will organise a speed survey to be carried out for the period of one week.

4. Accident statistics

Fortunately there were no serious accidents in the last 2 months. Previously requested accident statistics were presented for the mini roundabout on Chislehurst Common (Ashfield Lane) also for Orpington High Street between the War Memorial and Homefield Rise and identified pressure points. Orpington High Street

was particularly useful with the development of the cinema complex and the proposed redevelopment of the police station, which will include a health centre.

5. Police Officers Report

Fortunately there were no serious or fatal collisions to report.

Operation Cubo (when vehicles are seized because the driver either has no insurance or no driving licence or both) was run by Traffic Officers in Bromley Borough in early July.

Operation Safeway is continuing in Bromley with Officers enforcing any moving traffic offences they see. They are concentrating on junctions with a poor collision history. These include War Memorial roundabout in Orpington, Anerley Road at the junction with Croydon Road and Widmore Road at the junction with Tweedy Road.

Traffic Officers have been enforcing speed in Sevenoaks Way, Petts Wood Road and Willow Grove.

Road Safety Officers have been out on duty with Officers from Traffic Division and also Bromley Borough Officers.

Cath had been in touch with the Council regarding the Station Road Traffic Management in Orpington, which should have been taken out.

6. Road Safety Officers Report

Val reported that in future she and her officer colleagues will be restricted to only three meetings a year, although she could arrange for conference rooms to be available if the panel wish to hold additional meetings at other times. She asked the Chairman to consider what the Panel wants to do in future. The Chairman replied that it was considered that three meetings annually would be adequate, with the option to add further meetings if circumstances warrant it.

Cycling - Park Bylaws – reply from Toby Smith of LBB Parks Dept.

While it is not permitted in general to cycle in the Borough's parks, the Byelaws do allow the Local Authority to permit authorised cycling if deemed appropriate.

The concept of 'shared use' of our parks between sports users, cyclists, dog walkers, walkers, event providers and so on is often debated within our Friends Forum as to should anyone have priority.

The overwhelming response is that our parks are for everyone to use provided common sense is applied. Should there be incidents of problems occurring on a regular basis appropriate steps of enforcement action will be taken.

Driven by Consequence Events

These were held at Charles Darwin School on the 2nd July, Langley School for Boys on the 9th July and Ravenswood School on the 11th July, involving Road Safety Officers, London Ambulance Service, Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS), London Fire Brigade, Met. Police Collision Investigators and Bromley parents Natasha Groves, mother of Lillian Groves, who was killed by a Drug Driver and Lesley Morgan, mother of Ben Morgan, who was killed while riding his scooter.

For the first time a Cycling workshop was introduced at Ravenswood School where 75 students passed their Level 1 Bikeability Training.

Police stops:

27th May Orpington

Persistent heavy rain pretty much stopped play.

6th June Bromley South Station

37 Seatbelts

28 Cyclists

5 Mobile phones

2 Child seats

9th June Bromley South – H.G Wells Centre

8 Non seatbelt wearing
6 Mobile phones (including one ticket given)
1 car seat (2 seats, 1 very badly fitted)
11 bicycles (including 1 bike marking)

24th June Tweedy Road / Kentish Way

3 Mobile Phone use (including one ticket given).
(One of those stopped was a Fireman who had just come off duty!)
3 Non seatbelt wearing
No cyclists stopped

The Footfall World Cup Competition is part of the Walk to School Week 2014 campaign, but the winners are not yet known.

7. Engineers Report

There was no change to the list of works following the election. A list of current road schemes follows these minutes.

TFL has planned some minor modifications to the traffic signals at the junction with Ravensbourne Avenue, Bromley Road and Station Road in Shortlands, in order to improve crossing facilities for pedestrians.

The signal junction at Main Road with Sevenoaks Way commissioned and working. TFL are currently working at 'fine tuning' its operation.

8. Chairman's Report

Approval from TfL was still awaited for the widening of Wendover Road at the junction with Masons Hill to allow two lane exit to allow simultaneous egress of left and right turning traffic and thereby reduce queues.

The Chairman reported that with Councillor Smith and Angus Culverwell he had raised the matter of road safety related to two proposed new schools, Bullers Wood Boys (proposed opening September 2016) and Harris Academy primary school (proposed opening September 2014).

The Bullers Wood Boys site would be bounded by Bickley Road, Pines Road and Chislehurst Road, all of which would have serious traffic issues if parents drop off and pick up at the school using the public roads for stopping or parking. It was therefore suggested that, during planning, consideration be given to including an onsite area for such traffic circulation. Councillor Smith has confirmed that planning permission has not yet been given for the school and this would not be certain to be granted.

The Harris Academy primary school is proposed to be located in the old Employment Exchange building on the corner of Mason's Hill and Westmoreland Road and would present real safety issues with parents dropping off and collecting young children. Councillor Smith confirmed that the opening of a school at that location is in no way a done deal, despite the imminent proposed opening date.

As the Minister Eric Pickles had recently pledged that fixed CCTV would be banned for traffic and parking enforcement, the Chairman asked for clarification regarding permissible exceptions, such as for school zig zag enforcement using CCTV cars and Val Currie undertook to investigate this and report back. The matter was also being taken up with Councillor Smith.

The Chairman raised the issue of safety on country lanes within the Borough, asked what was the accident history and whether any additional measures would be advisable. Dave Witherspoon (Downe Residents Association) responded that most vehicle accidents in his rural area occur in Shire Lane, which should continue to be a focus regarding any safety measures. He also repeated earlier assertions that club cyclists, often riding several abreast and at speed present a particular hazard.

9. Matters raised by members

SU suggested that East Street re surfacing is good but limited time parking may present a possible hazard. However traders there have a different view.

LS Logs Hill consultation on double yellow lines has been completed and work is scheduled for August.

SU The yellow lines at Bickley station were not being policed, it would be really useful to improve enforcement there, particularly towards Bickley.

On Yester road the Council cannot put in paving because it does not own all the land. Other work depends on safety concerns, in particular because any formal works would imply that the situation is safe, whereas it would not be.

Main Road / Kingsmead Road - issue of customers of car repair workshop parking in restricted area. This will be investigated.

HV From the Cathedral development at Bromley South lorries are leaving and using routes via Hayes Lane and Hayes Village and not the route designated using Masons Hill and the A21, as agreed with the developers at the planning hearing.

This is causing serious traffic problems, for example recently a bus and lorry met head on and the lorry refused to move to allow the bus to pass. Only with the assistance of a police support officer was the bus able to safely reverse to clear the impasse. What can be done to ensure lorries follow the prescribed exit routes?

PA raised the question of potential safety if the proposed health centre at the old Orpington Police station site does not have adequate areas for dropping off and picking up. People at health centres will be ill to some degree and transport will be a necessity and buses are not the answer (for example a person with a contagious illness should not be on a bus).

In addition, consideration should be given to the impact of the new cinema complex.

PL Wickham way speed sign is obscured by foliage.

10. Matters for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

No matters were raised for the attention of the Portfolio Holder.

11. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.30pm at the Civic Centre.

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NB: Please note that these locations are still subject to change depending on the outcome of the site investigations and / or consultations.